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SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUMMER INTERN WHO
CAN READ AND SPEAK FRENCH AND HAS ECONOMIC BACKGROUND
OR APTITUDE.

2. THIS IS FIRST TIME IN POST'S MEMORY THAT CONAKRY
HAS DARED INVITE AN INTERN, BUT WE CONCLUDE THAT PARTI-
CIPATION THIS YEAR COULD BE USEFUL BOTH TO POST AND TO
INTERN.

3. NO AID PROJECT MANAGER HAS YET BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE
INCUMBENT WHO DEPARTED AT END OF NORMAL TWO-YEAR TOUR
IN DECEMBER. MEANWHILE AID PROJECT IS ENTERING CRITICAL
YEAR OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES. ABLE POST-GRAD STUDENT COULD
HELP GREATLY IN KEEPING PROJECT ON TRACKS, EVEN IF NEW
MANAGER ARRIVES BY JUNE. INTERN WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH
GUINEAN PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR AND, UNDER SUPERVISION OF
EMBOFFS, WOULD PERFORM LIAISON, DRAFTING, RECORD KEEPING,
TROUBLESHOOTING, AND FACT FINDING FUNCTIONS.

4. WORK IS ALSO ENVISIONED IN ECON SECTION: PRICE
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OF UNDP OPERATIONS, DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-HELP PROJECTS
(INCLUDING LIAISON AND NEGOTIATION WITH GUINEANS), ECON-
OMIC TRENDS DRAFTING, AND SPOT COMMERCIAL LIAISON
OPPORTUNITIES. INTERN CAN LIKELY HELP FILL EMBASSY GAP
LEFT BY SUMMER R&R LEAVE.

5. CONAKRY IS NO PICNIC, AND SUMMER RAINS ARE TORRENTIAL.

HOWEVER, WE THINK WE CAN OFFER ADEQUATE LODGING (PROBABLY FSOS' HOUSES VACATED ON LEAVE OR TRANSIT APARTMENT) AND A CHALLENGING WORK ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLY UNIQUE IN AFRICA. GUINEAN RELATIONS WITH US HAVE IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALY DURING PAST YEAR, AND ACCESS TO GOG HAS SIMILARLY OPENED UP SOME. IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING FOR ANY STUDENT OF AFRICA TO OBSERVE THIS TREND FIRSTHAND, ASSUMING MOMENTUM CONTINUES. RAINS LIMIT JUNE-SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR ACTIVITY A BIT, BUT IN SUMMER 1977 EMBOFFS WERE ABLE TO PLAY TENNIS OR SWIM IN SUN AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK.

6. FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PAY PERIODS WE ESTIMATE BASIC SALARY AND POST ALLOWANCES TO BE \$4,900.00. POST WOULD REQUIRE INCREASE TO COVER COSTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. WE HOPE CAPABLE INTERN WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS RATHER SPECIAL SITUATION. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE IT A WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE.
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